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**RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM 7**

**Implementation of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan**

The implementation of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan (the Plan) will make bicycling a more practical and desirable transportation option for the residents and those working in Los Angeles County (County). It will transform the transportation culture, encourage safe bicycling and promote a healthy lifestyle.

While the plan proposes an additional 823 miles of bicycle lanes throughout the County, it also goes into considerable detail regarding the importance of bicycle parking. Creating safe and accessible bicycle parking alternatives is a critical element of a functional bikeway system. Specifically, the plan stresses that civic and government buildings should be priority locations for implementing bicycle parking strategies. The bicycling community has emphasized the insufficiency of accessible and secure bicycle parking in the downtown Los Angeles area and at County facilities. The Board of Supervisors (the Board) should address this concern in a timely manner to encourage bicycling especially among those conducting business and working at County facilities, and for visitors of cultural and art venues.

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In addition, while the plan provides criteria for prioritizing the implementation of bicycle routes based on a variety of significant factors, including connections to existing and proposed bikeway networks, connections to key destinations, and lack of existing bikeways, the Board should also specifically prioritize the implementation of bicycle routes and infrastructure within the communities with the highest rates of obesity.

A lack of safe places to bicycle can deter children and adults from being physically active, thereby promulgating the obesity epidemics relevant in many communities throughout the County. In its 2009 report, *Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States*, the Centers for Disease Control specifically recommends that communities enhance infrastructure supporting bicycling as a priority strategy to prevent obesity. The Board should utilize the plan to expeditiously identify and implement this health-promoting resource within our most impacted communities.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Internal Services to coordinate with County-contracted parking vendors and County Departments that manage its own parking lots, to assess the feasibility of implementing bicycle parking capacity at all County facilities;
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Internal Services to report back in writing within 90 days with a plan to implement bicycle parking at all County facilities unless specific circumstances dictate it is not feasible. The report should prioritize implementation of bicycle parking based on the size of the building, proximity to public transit, volume of members of the public accessing the site, and

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other relevant factors, and include a cost analysis as well as recommendations on potential funding sources;

3. Direct the Director of Public Works, in coordination with the Director of Public Health, to identify the ten unincorporated communities within the County of Los Angeles that have the highest rates of obesity, and develop an implementation plan, that includes appropriate funding sources, to construct the priority bicycle routes identified in the Master Bicycle Plan's Phase I Implementation Recommendations for those respective communities within the next 12 months and report back to the Board of Supervisors in writing on a quarterly basis with their progress; and
4. Direct the Department of Public Works, in coordination with County Counsel, to strike all proposals related to the inclusion of a Class I Bicycle Lane along the Sepulveda Channel, adjacent to the Mar Vista community, from the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan and bring the plan back to the Board of Supervisors at the earliest possible date for final adoption.

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